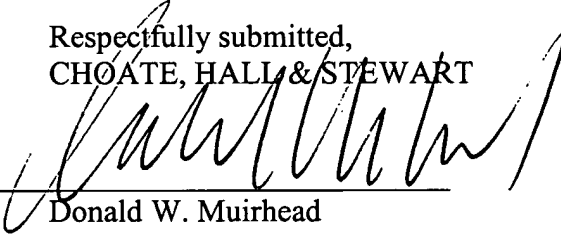


REMARKS

In this preliminary amendment, Applicant has cancelled claim 28 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof, amended claims 1-27 and added new claims 29-30 to clarify that which Applicant considers to be the invention. Further, Applicant has amended the specification for purposes of clarification. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to the claims and new claims are supported by the originally-filed specification and that the amendments to the specification do not add new subject matter.

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4038.

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